



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Executive Director Dennis G. Smith is retiring
3 after 30 years of distinguished service to the McHenry County
4 Mental Health Board; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was previously the CEO of a mental
6 health center and a therapist; and

7 WHEREAS, He has been considered a leader in community
8 mental health since the early 1980s; under his leadership, the
9 McHenry County Mental Health Board became the only Board in
10 Illinois to receive funding from the National Institute of
11 Mental Health; in 1992, the Board became one of the few
12 behavior health systems to be accredited by the Joint
13 Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, He received his BA degree with a combined major in
15 Social Work, Psychology, and Sociology from the University of
16 Oklahoma, his MSW degree from the University of Illinois, and
17 graduate training in management from the Carlson School of
18 Management at the University of Minnesota; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is the past president of the Illinois
20 Association of Community Mental Health Authorities; he served
21 on the board of the National Behavior Health Director
22 Association until 1999; he has served on many statewide task
23 forces concerned with mental health issues; he has been elected
24 twice to the McHenry County College Board of Trustees and
25 served as vice chairman; and

26 WHEREAS, He provided a presentation in 1997 at the National
27 Alliance of Mental Illness and the National Association of
28 Counties; he also presented at the American Psychiatric
29 Association in 1998; he recently co-authored an article in
30 Behavior Health on the Impact on Traumatic Brain Injuries on

1 Families; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 we congratulate Dennis G. Smith on his retirement and thank him
5 for his many years of exemplary public service to the McHenry
6 County Mental Health Board; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Dennis G. Smith as an expression of our respect
9 and esteem.